

## **Civil Works Strategic Plan – Draft**

Under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA or The Results Act), Federal agencies are to focus their activities on delivering measurable results. Agencies are further required to prepare strategic plans to better focus their efforts on achieving these results through the development of strategic goals. Progress toward these goals is measured by annual performance plans. Although the Department of Defense submits a strategic plan in the form of the Defense Quadrennial Review, the Office of Management and Budget has asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to submit a strategic plan specifying program goals and results achieved by the Civil Works Program.

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- Promote economic vitality
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In addition, we are soliciting feedback on the plan through the Internet. A copy of the September, 2002 draft strategic plan is posted on the World Wide Web at <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/iwr/strategicplan.htm> We invite your comments to be sent to [CWSTRATPLAN@usace.army.mil](mailto:CWSTRATPLAN@usace.army.mil) by November 15th. This feedback will be used to revise the strategic plan for final submission to OMB and Congress by Spring, 2003.